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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – FBI Captures a Top 10 Most Wanted Fugitive

(U) Federal authorities in Los Angeles took a man believed to be Marlon Jones, one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted," into custody on 2 December. Jones was wanted in connection with an early-morning shootout with a rival gang on 15 October that left four people dead and 10 wounded at a Los Angeles-area house that was being used as a restaurant.

SOURCE: 3 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Oakland – Death Toll Rises to 36 from Warehouse Fire

(U) The death toll from a huge fire that tore through a converted warehouse in Oakland during a dance party on 2 December has risen to 36, with 11 of the victims identified so far, police reported today. The blaze was the deadliest in the United States since 100 people perished in a 2003 fire at a Rhode Island nightclub. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

SOURCE: 5 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Sacramento – Anti-Muslim Hate Crimes in California Rose in 2015 to Highest Point since 9/11

(U) Reported hate crimes against Muslims rose more than 50 percent from 2014 to 2015 in California, mirroring a national trend, according to the California Department of Justice. Police took reports of 40 hate crimes against Muslims in 2015, up from 18 in 2014. Those 40 crimes involved 51 victims, including a mosque in Tracy that was firebombed, an Islamic Center in Los Angeles targeted by a man with hundreds of explosives found in his home and an assault on a pregnant Muslim woman pushing a stroller in Mission Valley.

SOURCE: 2 December 2016, [The Sacramento Bee](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia – US Reshaping Budget to Account for Increased Russian Military Threat

(U) Washington DC – Russia's increasing military activities around the world have unsettled top US military officials, who say they are reshaping their budget plans to better address what they now consider to be the most pressing threat to US security. The Pentagon is finalizing a classified security assessment for President-elect Donald Trump, who has promised to both pump up US defense spending and build closer ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin. European diplomats fear Moscow could use the time before Trump's inauguration to launch more offensives in Ukraine and Syria.

SOURCE: 4 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Michigan – Additional Charge for Michigan Resident in Counterterrorism Probe

(U) Detroit – A Michigan man arrested earlier this year in a federal counterterrorism probe has been indicted on a new charge of receiving explosive materials with the intent to harm or kill. Sebastian Gregerson, a Detroit resident who also goes by the name Abdurrahman Bin Mikaayl, was charged on 1 December. Gregerson previously was charged with unregistered possession of a destructive device and the unlicensed receipt of explosive materials.

SOURCE: 2 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Wisconsin – Multi-State Outbreak of Salmonella Heidelberg Linked to Dairy Bull Calves**

(U) Madison – Twenty-one people across eight states are now sick with a multi-drug resistant strain of Salmonella Heidelberg. Infections have been linked to contact with dairy bull calves in Wisconsin. Infected states also include: Minnesota, South Dakota, California, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma and Idaho. SOURCE: 4 December 2016, [KMA Land](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Burundi – US Embassy Sends Warning of Terror Attacks on Western Targets**

(U) Bujumbura – The United States embassy in Burundi has warned US citizens in the East African nation of potential attacks from "regional terror groups" on Western interests. Over the weekend the US embassy in the capital Bujumbura warned American citizens of "heightened security concerns that regional terror groups remain actively interested in attacking US and other Western and local interests in Burundi." In an emergency message published on its website, the diplomatic mission said it had received "specific information leading to concern about potential activity in early December," including, but not limited to, the Kajaga neighborhood on the outskirts of Bujumbura. SOURCE: 5 December 2016, [International Business Times](#)

**(U) Colombia – Authorities Seize at Least Two Tons of Cocaine, Arrest Five Mexican Nationals**

(U) Sibate – Colombian authorities seized at least two tons of cocaine and arrested five Mexican nationals in the municipality of Sibate, south of Bogota, apparently belonging to the Los Zetas Mexican cartel. The cocaine was being packed in metal boxes covered by a layer of rubber about four inches thick, each with a capacity to store up to 136 pounds. According to the official report, the cocaine was to be taken out of Colombia in mooring buoys for ships, in what constitutes a new form of drug trafficking. The seized cocaine has an approximate value of 100 million dollars. SOURCE: 3 December 2016, [El Carabobeno \(Translated\)](#)

**(U) Syria – ISIL Identifies Abi al-Hassan al-Muhajer as New Spokesman**

(U) Aleppo – The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) identified a new media spokesman for the group for the first time today in an audio message released online. The recording appeared on Al Furqan, a media organization linked to ISIL, giving the new spokesman's name as Abi al-Hassan al-Muhajer. The United States confirmed in September that ISIL's previous spokesman, Abu Mohammad al-Adnani, had been killed in a US air strike on 30 August in Syria. SOURCE: 5 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) California– Carlsbad Resident Sentenced in Sinaloa Drug Money Laundering Scheme**

(U) Carlsbad – A Carlsbad man was sentenced to five years and three months in prison this week for his role in an international money laundering ring that moved millions of dollars for the Sinaloa drug cartel. Bradley John Martin, 55, admitted transporting \$1.8 million in cash through Southern California, which he knew were drug proceeds, using Bud Light and Diet Coke cardboard boxes, prosecutors said. Martin admitted in his guilty plea in May to being a frequent courier in a "hawala" ring, an alternative way to transfer money outside of banks or formal financial institutions. According to the indictment, a hawala network operating in the US, Canada, India and Mexico transferred more than \$4.5 million in drug proceeds for the Sinaloa Cartel. SOURCE: 3 December 2016, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

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